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Docket No.: 576-008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT OPERATIONS



In re Application of:

Massimo Porro

Serial No.: 09/124,280

Filed: July 29, 1998

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) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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) Examiner: Minnifield, N.  
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For: VACCINES FOR PREVENTION OF GRAM-NEGATIVE INFECTIONS AND  
ENDOTOXIN RELATED DISEASE

New York, NY 10036  
January 15, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office  
Action that was mailed August 15, 2001. Kindly amend the above  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 25, 42-46, 49, 50 and 55 as follows:

D<sup>1</sup>  
25. (amended) A vaccine for preventing gram-negative infections  
which comprises a complex obtained by combining LPS free or in  
conjugate form with a stoichiometric excess of a peptide on a  
weight basis relative to said LPS wherein the peptide comprises:

Cys-(Lys-Phe-Leu)<sub>3</sub>-Lys-Cys

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D<sup>2</sup>  
42. (amended) A vaccine for preventing gram-negative infections